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FOLLOWING IS LIST OF TOPICS CONCERNING U. S. WHICH HAVE RECEIVED EMPHASIS IN PERUVIAN MEDIA IN 1973. BELIEVE LIST SHOULD BE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR SECRETARY' S VISIT HERE. NEGATIVE ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. MEDIA STRONG OPPOSED U. S. IN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING PANAMA.

2. MEDIA COMMENTARY ON DOLLAR DEVALUATION GENERALLY NEGATIVE.

3. OAS HAS BEEN PICTURED AS TOOL OF YANKEE IMPERIALISM AND MUCH IN NEED OF RESTRUCTURING.

4. LEFTIST MEDIA' S CALL FOR CUBA' S RETURN TO HEMISPHERE FAMILY HAS BEEN GROWING LOUDER.

5. MEDIA PLAY WOUNDED KNEE HAS BEEN HEAVY, POSSIBLY BECAUSE PERUVIANS OF INDIAN BACKGROUND FIND IT EASY TO IDENTIFY WITH AMERICAN INDIAN PROBLEMS.

6. EARLIER MEDIA TREATMENT ON " STOCKPILE RELEASE" STRONGLY ANTI- U. S. BUT SOON SIMMERED DOWN. NEVERTHELESS POTENTIAL FOR
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FLARING UP AGAIN GREAT IF SPECTRE OF DUMPING EVOKED CARELESSLY.

7. LEFTIST MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO ATTACKS ON CIA, WHICH ALLEGEDLY INFILTRATES FOUNDATIONS AND SEMINAR MEETINGS.

8. WATERGATE HAS FINALLY MADE FRONT PAGE. SOME PRESS COMMENTARY FAVORABLE, HOWEVER, TO U. S. SOCIETY FOR BEING ABLE FERRET OUT SUCH HIGH- LEVEL SCANDAL.

9. INTENSE MEDIA ATTACKS ON FRENCH FOR A- BOMB TESTS.

10. FREQUENT MEDIA PLAY AGAINST U. S. POSITION AT IA- ECOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA.

1. STRONG MEDIA REACTION AGAINST ITT CHILE AND MULTI- NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

12. MEDIA PROTESTS AGAINST ALLEGED U. S. POLITICAL PRESSURES ON IDB DECISIONS.

13. USUAL, PREDICTABLE ANTI- U. S. REACTION TO MEDIA OVER VARIOUS TUNA BOAT INCURSIONS INTO 200- MILE ZONE.

POSITIVE MEDIA ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. FAVORABLE REPORTING OF U. S. DOCTORS' ASSISTANCE TO PRESIDENT VELASCO DURING LATTER' S ILLNESS.

2. SOME PRAISE OF NIXON FOR VIETNAM CEASE FIRE.

3. SOME PRAISE OF NIXON FOR LATEST POLICY STATEMENT INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO " RESTRICTIVE U. S. LEGISLATION" AFFECTING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF UPCOMING SKYLAB PROJECT.

5. FAVORABLE PRESS ON U. S. LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

6. FAVORABLE PRESS ON U. S. ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE.

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7. CONSERVATIVE PRESS HAS KEPT UP STEADY ATTACK AGAINST ANY COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND/ OR TAKEOVER OF PERUVIAN REVOLUTION. SAYS REVOLUTION MUST KEEP ITS PERUVIAN CHARACTER BUT COMMUNISTS REPRESENT THREAT TO THAT OBJECTIVE.

8. FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE OF USAID ROLE IN DEVELOPING " STABILIZED ADOBE" AS CHEAP HOUSING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.

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